

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

December 19, 2022

Dear Colleague,

The American people voted last month to break Democrats' one-party rule in Washington. They entrusted us, as conservatives, with the responsibility to fight for the values on which our country was founded – values that Democrats are determined to erode.

In fifteen days, we will be sworn into the 118th Congress as the majority party in the House, and upholding this responsibility demands that we get right to work.

This urgency is further underscored by the activity currently taking place in the Senate, as Democrats race to use their waning days of power in both chambers to force through trillions of dollars in new spending and a host of bad policies that will weaken our country. While we will be the first body in Washington to break Democrat control, we will be the last line of defense against their destructive agenda.

Legislating is a team sport, and we must come together as one in order to accomplish the things the American people expect and demand. To see this in practice, look no further than the recent National Defense Authorization Act in which our conference successfully repealed the COVID vaccination mandate for our men and women in uniform – all in the face of opposition from the Senate and House Democrat majorities and President Biden.

Repealing the vaccine mandate on our servicemembers was just the start, but we cannot afford to waste any more time if we are to stand a chance at getting America back on track. Simply put: we cannot begin our vital committee work – on legislation, investigations, oversight, or even staffing – until our conference coalesces around our elected nominee for Speaker of the House.

As incoming chairs for the 118th Congress, we wholeheartedly endorse Kevin McCarthy for Speaker. He has the leadership skills, the vision, and the determination to take our conference where we need to go starting on Day One – and we would not be in the majority today if not for his efforts over the past two cycles.

We urge our colleagues – let us not squander this majority before we even take back the gavels. Time is of the essence, and the American people want us to get to work now. Majorities are earned, never given – and the American people will remember how we choose to begin ours.

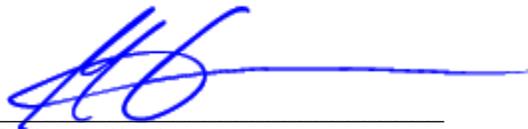
Sincerely,



James Comer
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Committee on Oversight and Government Reform



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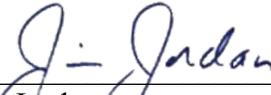
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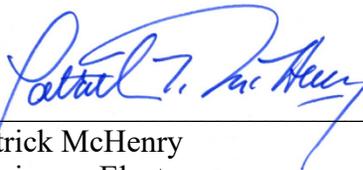
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